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## FORMAL OPENING OF NEW HOSPITAL

Thursday Was Observed as  
House Warming Day.

## AMPLE EQUIPMENT FOR GOOD WORK

Wilkes & Co., and Mrs. Irby Balentine have each furnished one entire room and a number of other people have contributed generously to the furnishing.

Thursday was observed as house warming day at the new Laurens County Hospital. Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon a stream of people visited the building and inspected the rooms and equipment. The large house recently vacated by Capt. Smythe is being used temporarily for the use of the hospital and after several years it is thought that the old Irby house will be remodeled and used. However the present building is admirably suited for the purpose and every convenience has been arranged for the patients. In response to the invitation of Misses Irby and MacFarlane, who are in charge of the hospital, a number of people of the county have made large contributions, both in money and material. Messrs. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. have generously furnished one entire room, as have Mrs. Irby Balentine, proprietor of the Winona Hotel, Dr. A. B. Knowlton, of Columbia, has given the operating table and Dr. Earle, of Greenville has made a cash contribution, for both of which Miss Irby expressed a deep sense of appreciation. Mrs. W. E. Lucas has given a very useful rolling chair in which the patients can be carried out into open air. The doctors of the county have agreed to furnish the operating room, and an order has already been placed for the instruments. In fact they are already on the way, having left Chicago some days ago. Miss Irby has used a great deal of ingenuity in making home made articles that would have cost large sums of money if bought from the manufacturers. These things are equally and in some cases better than the ones that are bought and the patrons of the hospital are very fortunate in not having to contribute to this extra expense. Two free beds will be supported by charitable organizations; one by the Kings Daughters and one by the Masons. No special beds will be designated as free beds but whenever a patient comes in who is not able to pay the necessary bill, he or she will be placed in any one of the beds and the account charged up to these organizations. In this way a patient may be in a charity ward and no one be the wiser.

In addition to the reception and lounging room and the broad piazzas and screened sun rooms, there are seven separate cots in four different rooms. In addition to this there is a ward for negro patients in the yard, in which there are four beds. This very ample equipment will meet the needs of the hospital for several years or until it is so well established that patients will be sent from a distance. Miss Irby, in speaking of the hospital, was especially desirous that it be understood that the people of the county will be equally welcomed with those of the city. As its name implies, The Laurens County Hospital, it is intended for the benefit of the people all over the county. It is possible that some advertising will be done in the north and patients gotten from that section for the winter months. The climate of Laurens is ideal for a winter resort and a number of northern patients might be accommodated here.

A story of the new hospital would be incomplete without mentioning those who are the inspiration of it. Miss Julia Irby and Miss Jennie MacFarlane conceived the idea and are in charge of the building and work. Both of them are trained nurses of experience and graduates of schools for nurses. Miss Irby is a graduate of the Training School for Nurses, St. Josephs Hospital, Philadelphia, and Miss MacFarlane is a graduate of the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia.

While the rooms of the hospital are already equipped far better than the managers had at first hoped it would be, a great many things could be added. While any gifts that might be sent will be received, by speaking to

## FIRE LADDIES OFF TO COLUMBIA MEET

Feeling of Optimism Prevails over the Company for They Expect to Bring Back the Cup and First Money.

The fire company left yesterday morning for Columbia to take part in the annual firemen's tournament. The horses and wagon were sent down Saturday in order to be in the pink of condition when the bell rings today. The boys have been practicing hard within the past few weeks and they confidently expect to "bring some gold" back with them.

The Laurens department is expecting to take part in only two races, the State Hose Wagon Contest and the Inter-State Hose Wagon Contest. Although another prize is offered for those teams who do not win in the first two contests, the Laurens boys are not expecting to be in that class so this third prize is not interesting them very much. Of course, if some unforeseen thing happens and one of the other two prizes is not carried off, Chief Crews says that they will just have to take off the third one just to kill a little time and pay for horse feed.

The race which will be of most interest will be the State Hose Wagon Contest. This will take place Wednesday morning. A large crowd from here is expected to go down that morning to see those runs and return on the afternoon train.

Discussion became so warm here some time back as to the relative merits of Counts and Henry, the two big fire horses, that at one time it seemed that a riot would ensue regardless of which one was selected to make the runs in Columbia. A little diplomacy has been injected into the case and now the two favorites will divide honors. Henry, the biggest of the two, will be driven in the parade to show off the style of the Laurens Department and Counts will be driven in the race to show up the speed. Both horses will acquit themselves well in their respective positions for Henry is a perfect specimen of horse-flesh and Counts has abundant speed.

## SCORED BIG SUCCESS.

"Her Friend the Enemy" Played by Clinton Talent, Pleased a Large Crowd Thursday Evening.

A fairly large audience greeted the troupe of Clinton amateur actors Thursday evening when they played "Her Friend the Enemy" at the opera house. A simple story of a southern girl, a northern lover and a dishonored West Pointer who takes the role of the villain in love with the girl was the theme of the play, the villain deserting to the Southern army and seeking every opportunity to destroy his hated rival.

Mr. Carl Barksdale, as Capt. Jack Fernbrook, and Mr. T. P. Carson, as Frank Fleming the villain, took the leading men's parts and did excellently. Mr. D. Wyatt Neville, as Col. James Burton, Mr. Bob McLees, as Lieut. Berkeley Burton, acted their parts well. Lieut. Burton proving a very ardent lover. Parks Adair impersonated the negro servant after the manner of Dockstader and at frequent intervals brought forth storms of laughter. It can safely be said that old Zebadiah Jenks (Mr. Hugh Simpson) was possibly the best in the whole play. Mr. Tom Spratt came in for a minor part in the entertainment, but acted his part well. The ladies in the show are mentioned last because they acted their parts even better than the men. To say which was the favorite among them would indeed be a risky thing to do, but Miss Talu Neville, as Diana Burton, and Miss Janie Kennedy, as Addie Jenks, were perhaps the most popular. But Mrs. Burton's part, taken by Miss Laurie Aull, was well executed as was Aunt Chloe's, by Miss Jessie Mae Mahaffey.

About \$40 was cleared on the entertainment, an equal division being made between the Clinton actors and the Civic League.

Capt. W. R. Richey, Jr., who has been attending the maneuvers on the Mexican border, returned home yesterday morning.

either Miss Irby or Miss MacFarlane a better idea may be obtained of what is wanted and gifts may be more intelligently selected.

Visitors are at all times welcomed and will be shown over the hospital.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

A Few Things of Interest to a Large Number of People in This and Other Counties.

Clinton, June 27.—The exercises of the Thornwell Orphanage commencement filled up the past week. The exercises on Tuesday evening were unusually brilliant and impressive. The nine pretty girl graduates and the number of distinguished gentlemen on the platform, the mass of plants, the excitement attending the awarding of medals, a filled auditorium, all contributed to the effect. The address of the evening was made by the Rev. C. F. Rankin of Laurens and was of a practical nature, so that it should do its hearers good all their lives. His theme was: "Some Lessons in the School of Life," and he urged the graduates to guard their good name, to keep cheerful, to keep learning, to estimate things at their correct values. Mr. Rankin is a citizen whom Clinton envies Laurens.

Ex-governor Ansel delivered the diplomas to the graduates. He also is a favorite in Clinton.

So too is the Rev. R. O. Flinn, D. D. of Atlanta who presented the Bibles to the graduates.

The medals and prizes were presented by several of the distinguished visitors. They were awarded as follows:

Declaimer's, Mayes Rembert; Freshman Latin, Miss Marian Calvo; Sophomore Latin, Miss Lizzie Holcombe; Junior Latin, Miss Myrtle River; Senior Latin, Miss Sadie Leslie; Mechanics, Alky Taylor; Printing, Carlton Winn; Farming, Richard Cordova; Housekeeping, Miss Amy Shockley; Sewing, Miss Louise Williams; Mitchell prize for the valedictory, Miss Margaret Durant. (A duplicate was presented Miss Sadie Leslie, whose record was nearly equal with Miss Durant's.) Church History, Miss Ada Taylor.

The graduates this year were Misses Eugenia D. Calvo, Helen A. Clark, Margaret E. Durant, Melbaise Kern, Sadie M. Lester, Jeanne B. Lenke, Julia E. Linton, Mary L. Richards, Amy E. Shockley.

Tuesday morning the closing exercises of the Mary Kent High School were held. The Rev. J. B. Branch presided over these exercises, one feature of which was an address by Mr. Branch. The program included some part performed by every member of the tenth grade and two songs by the entire high school.

On Wednesday evening one of the biggest crowds on record attended the annual exhibition which this year was better than ever.

Thursday evening the alumni held their annual banquet, and Friday they went on a picnic to the river.

About sixty former pupils were here during the week.

The teachers for the graded school have been announced as follows:

Grade 1, Miss Edith McCutcheon; Grade 2, Miss Irene Prince; Grade 3, Miss Mabel Sameroff; Grade 4, Miss Essie Long; Grade 5, Miss Margaret Parrott; Latin and Mathematics in the high school, Miss Laura Aull.

Teachers for the 7th grade and for the position of English and History in the high school are yet to be elected. Misses Tallulah Neville and Sarah Copeland having resigned at the close of this session.

A distressing accident at the Clinton mill village last Friday resulted in the death of two brothers, Ray and Tucker. They were on the embankment when the younger, aged 11, fell into the pond. The 14 year old brother plunged in to rescue him and both were drowned before help could reach them. The mills shut down immediately for the rest of the day.

The young people who presented "Her Friend the Enemy" in Laurens Thursday evening had a very jolly visit to the neighboring city. They will repeat the play here on Thursday evening for the public library.

## Double Header for Carrier Bolt.

After making his usual trip on route number two Saturday morning, returning to the postoffice about 9:30, Rural Letter Carrier John C. Bolt "covered" route number three for Carrier Willie McDaniel who was indisposed, making the second trip by 12 o'clock or scheduled time. Carrier Bolt uses a motorcycle and besides being an expert cyclist he is a fine letter carrier.

## THE NAZARENE PARTY GOING TO WOODRUFF

After Scoring a Success at Home and at Fountain Inn the Singers of The Nazarene will Next Visit Woodruff.

Friday evening the members of the Presbyterian and Methodist choirs, who have sung "The Nazarene" so successfully here and at Fountain Inn, will take a trip to Woodruff and sing it there for the benefit of the Methodist Church. The party scored a distinct success in Fountain Inn and following the fine treatment that they received there they decided to make another trip and at the invitation of the Woodruff folks decided to visit that little city. The proceeds there, as at Fountain Inn, will be divided with some charitable organization, this time the division being made with the Methodist Church.

The party is composed of about twenty five people. The soloists are Mesdames, H. K. Aiken, D. A. Davis; Misses Mary Todd, Annie Richey, Jennie Sheally, Mabel Wallace; Messrs. Jack McCarry, R. G. Franks, C. H. Gasque, John D. Childress, E. H. Wilkes, Ed. Hicks, J. N. Richardson. Mr. Charles H. Hicks is the conductor and Mrs. Charles H. Hicks is accompanist. The following compose the chorus: Mrs. R. A. Babb, Misses Adie Sheally, Nannie Bramlett, Henry Wright, Essie Meng, Margaret Matthews, Mrs. W. P. Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Teague, Mrs. W. H. Anderson; Messrs W. R. McCuen, J. N. Wright, John Hicks.

The party will go up in automobiles Friday afternoon and return immediately after the concert.

## ORDER EASTERN STAR HAD FINE SESSION

Closing was Marked by Installation of New Officers and Delightful Banquet.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, which was held in Laurens last week, came to a close Wednesday evening with the installation of the newly elected officers and a banquet to the visitors given by Adah Chapter. At the installation of officers, which is a very impressive ceremony, Past Grand Patron Henry B. Briggs, of Glenn Springs, conducted, assisted by Mrs. J. N. Marshall, who acted as Grand Marshall.

At the banquet which followed the installation of officers, Hon. R. A. Cooper presided. Grand Patron D. A. G. Ozits, Grand Matron Tallulah A. Cudd, and Mr. K. Baker responded at length to toasts and a number of others spoke a few words. This was perhaps the most enjoyable gathering of the whole session which was said to have been the best ever held by the order.

Mrs. Agnes R. Swygert, of Laurens, who held the office of Secretary last year, was elected Associate Grand Matron for the coming year. In one of the closing sessions the local chapter was voted resolutions of thanks for the treatment accorded them while here. It was the almost unanimous opinion that this was the most enjoyable session yet held.

## PORTRAIT OF COL. B. W. BALL.

Laurens Masons to Present Portrait to Grand Lodge.

The Masons of Laurens will present a portrait of the late Col. Beaufort Watts Ball to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina at its next annual meeting in December, at Charleston. The portrait is now being painted in Columbia by Miss Edmunds, to whom the contract was recently awarded. An appropriation having been made for the purpose by the two blue lodges of the city, Palmetto, No. 19, and Laurens, No. 260, a committee representing both orders was delegated to secure the painting, which is to be made from a steel engraving, and the portrait will be ready to be presented to the Grand Lodge when it meets in December.

Col. Ball was a Mason of high degree, having risen in the early seventies to the position of Grand Master of the jurisdiction of South Carolina. At different periods he served as Master of Palmetto Lodge, No. 19, and was ever interested and active in Masonry.

Col. Henry Y. Simpson, a member of Palmetto Lodge, is chairman of the portrait committee.

## REPORT IN HUNTER CIVIL SUIT FILED

Special Referee Frank B. Gary Makes Return of His Findings—Holds That the Receivership and Injunction Should be Continued.

The Hon. Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville, as special referee in the action brought several months ago by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, as plaintiff, against G. Wash Hunter, of Goldville, this county; Mrs. Sarah Ellen Evans, of Newberry, and Cole L. Blease, defendants, has filed with the clerk of court at Laurens his report in the case. In his conclusions, Referee Gary holds that the receivership and injunction in this case as previously granted, should be continued, and, to the end that all creditors may be protected, the court, through its receiver, should take charge of the property of Hunter, convert it into cash and pay off the various claims according to their respective priorities; that the \$8,000 mortgage executed by defendant to his sister, Mrs. Evans, is not void; that the two notes and mortgages aggregating \$3,250 given Mrs. Evans, as well as the bill of sale executed in her behalf by the defendant, are all void; that the \$1,000 mortgage given Cole L. Blease under the assignment law is not void; that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company has proved a valid claim against Hunter in the sum of \$1,501.89, and that the plaintiff ought not to have to prove its claim a second time. "As a matter of fact," concludes Mr. Gary, "I find that at the time of the commencement of this suit the defendant, G. Wash Hunter, was insolvent and that he was making fraudulent disposition of his property warranting the court in taking charge of the property of said Hunter, converting it into cash and paying his creditors according to their respective priorities."

This suit was the result of the principal defendant, G. Wash Hunter's failure to pay a note or notes given the plaintiff for guano to the amount of \$1,500 in 1908. He is a large planter of the county and owns some 800 acres of land. Upon the complaint of plaintiff, Judge Rhine granted an order appointing a receiver for the property of the defendant. It being alleged that Hunter was improperly disposing of his property by executing mortgages, in several names and in other ways, and by his property beyond the reach of his creditors. Aug. Tull was named as receiver. From the order of Judge Rhine the case was appealed to the supreme court, which tribunal affirmed the order and under the same title the case then came before the circuit court for reference. On motion of Grier & Park of Greenwood; Dink & Todd of Laurens, plaintiff's attorneys; Blease & Donahue, of Newberry, attorneys for the defendants. Special Judge C. C. Featherstone, referred the case to Frank B. Gary as special referee, to take testimony, hear and decide all issues and make report of his findings.

Hunter was recently paroled by the governor until July 1st, the defendant being under an eight year sentence in the penitentiary for manslaughter, in the killing in July, 1906, at Goldville, this county, of Robert F. Copeland. On the charge of murder in this case, Hunter was tried several times in Laurens county, but his conviction in all save the first, which was set aside because of irregularities in the conduct of the trial jury. Upon change of venue being granted, the case was carried to Greenwood, where Hunter was convicted of manslaughter and given a sentence of eight years. The case was appealed to the supreme court of the state, which affirmed the lower court, whereupon the case was taken to the United States supreme court, which tribunal dismissed the appeal on the ground of having no jurisdiction. This decree was made in January. Upon his succession to the governorship, Mr. Blease paroled Hunter in order that the case might be reopened on the alleged discovery of new evidence in the case. It is not known here what efforts, if any, are being made to present to the courts any evidence for a new hearing before the expiration of the parole, which occurs next Friday.

## Heap Big Mechanic.

At the recent meeting of the national convention, Junior Order of Mechanics, held at Tiffin, Ohio, Mr. H. Terry of this city was made a national officer. He was elected to the office of inside sentinel. Mr. Terry has already returned from his trip which he says was a very delightful one.

## FREE MAIL DELIVERY GRANTED TO LAURENS

Service to be Installed In September.

## RECEPTACLES REQUIRED AT PATRONS' DOOR

Postmaster Hicks received Notification from the Post Office Department Saturday that the Service would be Installed the First Day of September. Patrons must supply Receptacles.

Postmaster Hicks received a letter from First Assistant Postmaster General Granfield Saturday notifying him that a city delivery service would be installed in Laurens with two carriers beginning September 1st. This welcome news comes following a hot campaign waged by Postmaster Hicks for the past few months, in which he has not let pass any opportunity to put in a word for the system. One carrier will be brought to Laurens from some other post office that at least one experienced man can be on the job. The other one will be selected here by the usual civil service examinations.

"It is the policy of the Department to make the establishment of city delivery at new offices and its extension contingent upon the provision of mail receptacles at all residences and places of business. If a patron prefers he may cut a slot in the door, which will facilitate the work of the carrier. It is distinctly understood that no patron will be served unless he provides some means for disposing of his mail by the carrier." These few lines are taken from the instructions sent Postmaster Hicks, so it will be seen that every patron of the system in Laurens will have to provide himself with a mail box of some kind. This should be attended to by August 26th when Mr. Hicks will have to make his report to the Department on the progress of the kind of work. It is not thought that any serious trouble will be occasioned.

The recent mail service has been a great one in the town, and it is hoped that the early morning delivery from all over the city will be a great help to all over the city. The carriers will be true to their word, and the delivery to be made to the carriers is not yet stated.

Now that the free delivery has been secured Mr. Hicks has turned his attention to the matter of the new Post Office building which does not seem to be receiving the attention it should by the authorities in Washington. A determined campaign will be undertaken to push the work along and if he meets with the same results with the new building as he does with the free delivery, the campaign for the new building should be advertised for soon. In the next few months.

## POSTAL BANK GUERER.

Mr. W. G. McDaniel was the First Depositor and a Number of Others Placed Varying Amounts to their Credit.

The Laurens Postal Savings Bank opened its doors yesterday with a fine Jack McCarry at the post. Mr. W. G. McDaniel was the first patron and placed the ball for a well that's a secret of the bank. The second man up put down four and was given a pass and when the next man asked for change for five he was put out. Thus in a few words are told the history of the opening of the Postal Savings Bank. Already a number of deposits have been made.

Deposits will be received all the way from ten cents on up and after a certain amount is deposited interest will be allowed. Deposits are received at the registry window.

## Gamblers Rounded Up.

At a negro barbecue at Cold Point Saturday Rural Policemen Lowe and Madden rounded up and captured three negro gamblers, one of which had a pistol, and another for cursing and being drunk on the public highway. The rural policemen were assisted by Messrs. J. T. Watts and Willie Madden.

Miss Catherine Sullivan, after a pleasant visit with her little cousins on South Harper street has returned to her home near Tumbling Shoals.